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SUBJ: SEPT. 12-14 VISIT OF SOMALI PRESIDENT SIAD

1. MOHAMED SIAD BARRE, PRESIDENT OF SOMALIA AND CURRENT OAU CHAIRMAN, MADE A WELL-PUBLICIZED VISIT TO KENYA SEPT. 12-14 AS PART OF HIS EAST AND CENTRAL AFRICAN CONSULTATIVE MISSION FOLLOWING THE BRAZZAVILLE SUMMIT. SIAD, ACCOMPANIED BY SOMALI FOREIGN SECRETARY OMAR ARTEH, INTERNAL TRADE SECRETARY AHMED MOHAMED AND SRC MEMBER MOHAMED YUSUF BASHIR, MET WITH PRESIDENT KENYATTA, VICE PRESIDENT MOI, FOREIGN MINISTER MUNGAI AND MINISTER OF STATE KOINANGE DURING HIS STAY. ALTHOUGH NO COMMUNIQUE WAS ISSUED ON THE TALKS, THEY WERE SAID BY NEWS ACCOUNTS TO HAVE CENTERED ON CLOSER TRADE TIES BETWEEN KENYA AND SOMALIA.

2. THROUGH PRESS STATEMENTS DURING HIS VISIT SIAD WARNED WHITE MINORITY REGIMES THAT OAU WOULD NOT RELAX ITS SUPPORT OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, BUT AT SAME TIME WELCOMED CHANGE IN PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE  
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TOWARD ITS AFRICAN TERRITORIES. PORTUGAL WILL NOT

ONLY HAVE BETTER ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL RELATIONS WITH ITS FORMER TERRITORIES, HE SAID, BUT WILL ALSO ENJOY MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL CONTACT WITH REST OF AFRICA.

3. SIAD CHARACTERIZED REPORTS OF TERRITORIAL CLAIMS BY SOMALIA ON ITS NEIGHBORS AS THE WORK OF OUTSIDERS AND DENOUNCED AS COMPLETELY FALSE SUGGESTIONS THAT SOMALIA WAS PREPARING TO FIGHT ITS NEIGHBORS. QTE SOMALIA IS FOR AFRICAN UNITY AND WE WILL ONLY FIGHT A NOBLE WAR. WE MIGHT HAVE SMALL DIFFERENCES ....., BUT WE MUST BE LEFT ALOOF TO SORT OUT AND SOLVE OUR DIFFERENCES, IF ANY UNQTE. HE DESCRIBED DEVELOPMENTS IN ETHIOPIA AS PURELY DOMESTIC AND SAID THAT ETHIOPIA SHOULD BE LEFT ALONE TO RESOLVE ITS INTERNAL AFFAIRS. NO COUNTRY, AFRICAN OR OTHERWISE, HAS THE RIGHT TO INTERFERE. HE ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT UGANDA AND TANZANIA HAD AGREED TO RETURN PRISONERS TAKEN DURING BORDER CLASHES AND TO CEASE HOSTILE PROPAGANDIA AGAINST EACH OTHER AS RESULT OF VISIT.

4. SPEAKING AT AN AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE ON HIS DEPARTURE SEPT. 14, SAID SAID SOMALIA HAD ALWAYS MAINTAINED THAT INDIAN OCEAN SHOULD NOT BE REGION OF CONFRONTATION FOR BIG POWERS. PRESIDENT FORD, HE SAID, WAS MISINFORMED WHEN HE SAID SOMALIA HAD GRANTED BASES TO THE SOVIET UNION. QTE SOMALIA PORTS ARE OPEN TO ALL NATIONS FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES. I DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE ARGUMENT OF PRESIDENT FORD'S CLAIM UNQTE. AS FOR THE PROPOSED DIEGO GARCIA EXPANSION, SIAD SAID THAT ANYONE WHO BELIEVED IN WORLD PEACE SHOULD LEAVE THE ISLAND AS IT WAS. MARSHALL

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